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Coleman Ave. Open-Air Market is first post-Katrina business in downtown area. Page 12

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Volunteer now for playground

KABOOM! And Motorola are coming forces to build a new park, Wilcox Park in Waveland on Thursday, Feb. 9. The one-day event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end with a ribbon cutting at 3:30 p.m. 100 community volunteers are needed on build day. To place your name on the volunteer list, please call Lynne at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, 467-9048.

Bay, Waveland boards to meet

The Waveland Board of Aldermen will meet with the Bay St. Louis City Council to discuss integrating resources, interlocal agreements and coordinating the comprehensive plans of the two cities today at 6:30 p.m. in the Waveland Board Room, 335 Coleman Ave., Bldg. 9.

Little League Softball plays on

Hancock Little League Softball is putting together a spring-summer softball program. If you're 5-18 years old and live in Hancock County, call one of the following numbers after 6 p.m. to register: Walter, 467-6598; Frank, 323-2674; Rudy, 467-3245; or Herb, 326-7981.

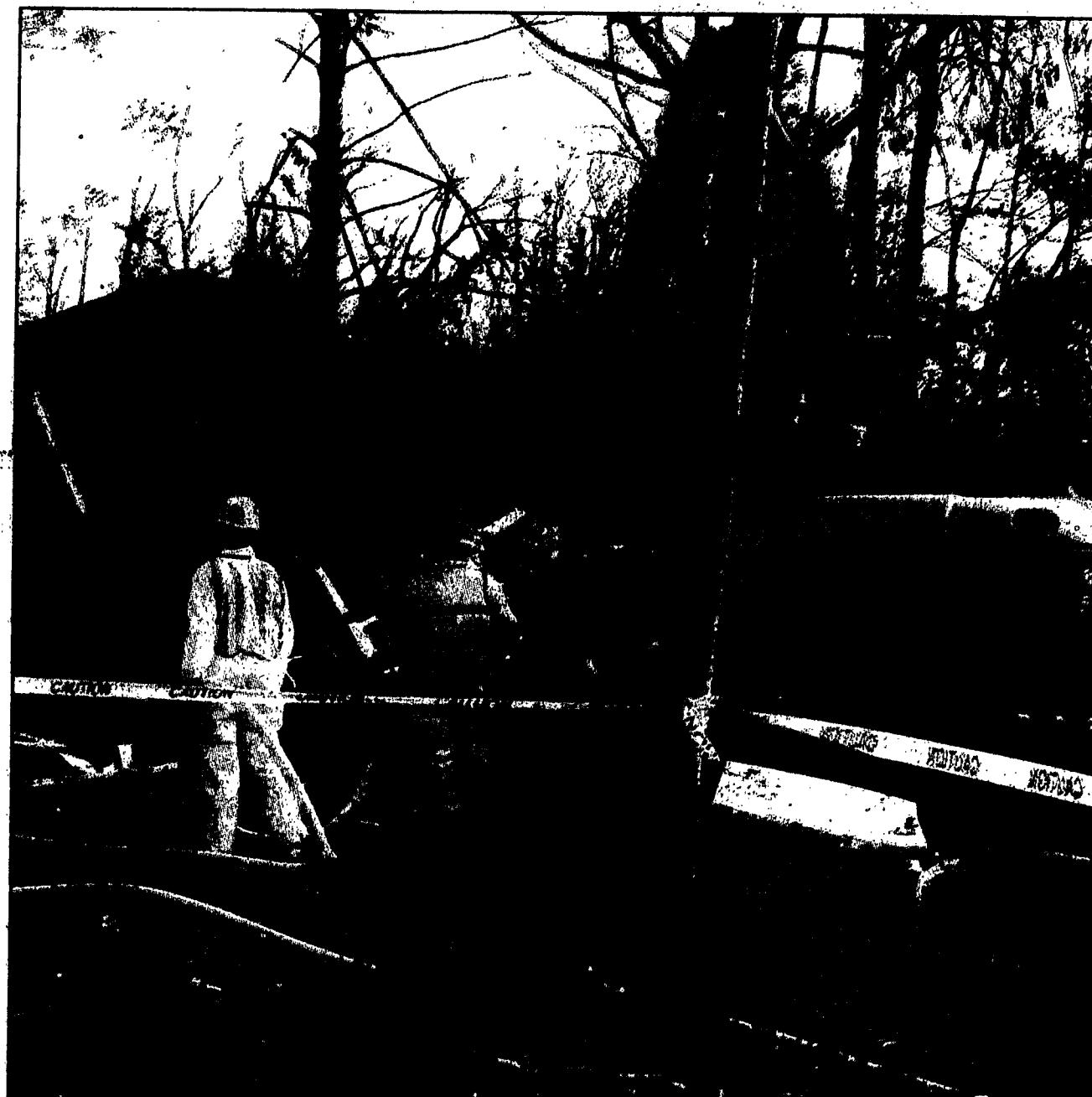
First Friday fish fry at St. Rose

St. Rose Booster Club will sponsor its First Friday Fish Fry for February this Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. To-go and delivery orders are available. Dinners are available for a \$6 donation. To place an order or for more information, call 216-2223.

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Dukes of Hazard



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and contractors AshBritt and Bechtel prepare last week to demolish a Katrina-damaged home at 323 Necessaire St. in Waveland. The house is the first structure the Corps has razed since recovery efforts began that contained asbestos.

Echo staff photos by Dwayne Bremer

W'land still has budget surplus

Reserve funds help avoid crunch Katrina caused other towns

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

Hurricane Katrina not only destroyed homes, business, and the moral of much of Hancock County, it also delivered a crushing blow to local economy's of the area. While many local leaders have been hoping for federal assistance to bail out budgets that may go into the red, Waveland Mayor Tommy Long feels optimistic about the financial status of his city. Longo is confident in his city's efforts to rebuild, and he believes that the Waveland economy may be back to pre-storm levels sooner than most people expect.

"We are going to be short a couple million dollars this year, that's for sure, but we have done some things to help us get through," Longo said.

Longo said that the city had about three million dollars in reserves at the time of the storm, and that money along with a steady increase in sales tax revenue, has been enough to carry the city until now.

"Up to right now, we have been very frugal with our money," Longo said. "We are only spending money on recovery related issues right now. We have been able to live off of our budget because we tightened our



Tommy Longo

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Will the CDBG grant money help you?

Initial '51 percent'
clause changed to aid
more storm victims

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

Tuesday night's Citizens in Action meeting allowed Bay St. Louis to voice

their feelings and concerns to local and federal officials. Officials from FEMA, MEMA, SBA, Corps of Engineers, the Coast Guard, Gene Taylor's office, the city of Bay St. Louis and Hancock County met with citizens at the St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

Most of the questions revolved around

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Citizens in Action gather Monday evening at St. Rose de Lima Church in Bay St. Louis.

Echo staff photo by Dwayne Bremer

Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a list of those arrested in Hancock County from Jan. 23-30. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

STAFF REPORT

Harold Mullen, 59, DUI
Wesley Moran Jr., 22, simple assault domestic
Dodi Knipper, 29, shoplifting
Germain Meriar, 29, public drunk
Kyle Lohman, 18, simple assault domestic
Lori Ann Betz, 23, curfew violation, driving on a suspended license
Kenneth Carver, 27, contempt of court
Wayne Parks, 57, aggravated assault
Michele Seals, 32, suspended license
Nathaniel Jones, 29, disorderly conduct
Brandon Hubbard, 23, simple assault domestic, possession of controlled substance
Russell Ladner, 37, DUI, suspended license, no insurance, reckless driving
Mario Membreno, 26, DUI, careless driving
Rodney Signorielli,

43, simple assault domestic

Dee Ann Dunne, 40, simple assault domestic

John Shasteen, 58, looting false information

Verna Taylor, 49, looting

Gladys Courtney, 39, public drunk, disturbance of family

David Elliot, 29, DUI 3rd, suspended license, leaving scene of accident, careless driving

Albert Wiles, 22, disorderly conduct

Billy Green, 24, disorderly conduct

Nathan Troy Powell, 23, disturbance of family

Ernest Peralta, 40, DUI, reckless driving, no insurance, possession of marijuana

Kenneth Page Jr., 35, restraining order violation

Alejandro Salazar, 40, DUI, careless violation

Ander Cribbs, 39, simple assault domestic, disorderly conduct

Malise Butler, 23, DUI

John Walker, disorderly conduct, disturbance of family

Shawn Lucas, 24, disturbance of family

Rebecca McGlothin, 42, possession of controlled substance

Kevin Cummings, 26, public drunk

Paul Leoni III, 22, disturbance of peace

Bertram Ellis, 19, disturbance of peace

Jamie Page, 20, contempt of court

Desedario Chavez, 43, public drunk

Kendall Ladner, 34, public drunk disorderly conduct

Travis Brignac, 25, disturbance of peace

Pennie Troebel, 45, public drunk

Carl Crouse, 30, suspended license, no insurance

James Ladner, possession of meth with intent, grand larceny

Javier Ramos, 38, DUI, no insurance

Alan Perkins, 48, suspended license, no insurance

Christopher Jurich, 22, shoplifting

Larry Wilson, 53, contempt of court

Nicholas Dailey, 25, contempt of court

Jennifer Beech, 25, contempt of court

Ray Daniels, 22, possession of cocaine, improper D/L, possession of marijuana

Jamie George, 29, simple assault domestic

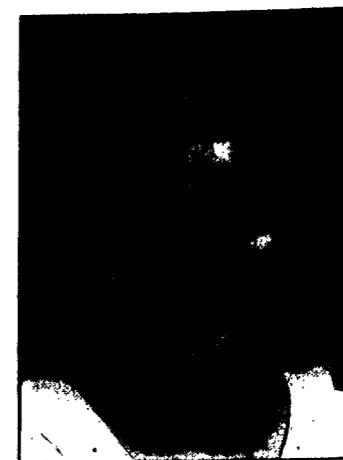
Ponder remains on B-W School Board

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

Bay-Waveland School Board President Dr. Sherry M. Ponder will remain on the school board for another five years. Ponder recently was awarded the position because she was the only person to qualify for the election of her spot. Since Ponder was the only person to be in the election by the January 20th deadline for qualifying, she was given the position.

Unlike the Hancock County School board, the Bay-Waveland School Board is made up of three appointed members and two elected members. Every year, one of the seats is up for re-election or re-appointment.

"It's been great working with the current board," Ponder said. "We have lots of opportunities to do some great things. I have really enjoyed the stability of this board."



Dr. Sherry Ponder

give them a lot of credit, they are really a great group of people. I am looking forward to all of the challenges that the board will have to face in the next five years."

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Bay police arrest two, deputies one for cocaine

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

The Bay St. Louis Police Department reported the arrest of two men for possession of crack cocaine. At or near 12:30 AM on Tuesday morning, Bay St. Louis officers Shane Jordan stopped a vehicle on Hwy. 90 for suspicion of DUI. Upon search of the vehicle, Jordan recovered more than 10 ounces of crack cocaine, oxycodone pills and more than \$500.00 dollars in cash. Two men, Jamie W. Henry, 45 years old, 3543 Shady Oaks Dr. Pass Christian, and

Don Juan Coe, 19 years old, 530 Herlihy St. Waveland, were arrested taken to the Bay St. Louis Police Department. Narcotics investigator Jim Martin said that the cocaine has a street value of about \$3,000.00 dollars. Both men were then transported to the Pearl River County Jail, and they are being held under \$20,000.00 dollars bail.

In a different operation, the Hancock County Narcotics Team announced the arrest of

Patricia Thomas, 45, years old Olivaria St.

Waveland for possession

of cocaine.

"We had been getting information about drug activity on Olivaria St." Said Narcotics Chief Matt Karl. "We gathered information, and got a search warrant for two trailers on Olivaria St. Members of the Special Operation Teams assisted in the search of the trailers."

Karl said that crack cocaine was recovered, along with marijuana, and scales, pipes, and razors.

Thomas was arrested and taken to the Pearl River County Jail under \$25,000.00 dollars bail.

Krewe Of Kids rolls Feb. 11

The 28th year of the Krewe of Kids will parade Saturday, February 11 at 11:00 A.M. We will be accepting nominations for our royalty. Please send names and phone numbers to Coward — North Beach, Bay St. Louis. Children between the

ages of five and twelve will be included in the luck of the draw for this year's King and Queen.

Due to debris, this year's route will take a twist. We will meet at the far end of the Winn Dixie Shopping Center. As we begin on the service road going east and cross over

Hwy. 90 to parade through the Notre Dame De La Mer, where we will toast our royalty, and the Honorable Eddie Favre will present the Royal Proclamations.

Legion Ladies to meet today at 7

American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Unit 77 will meet today at 7 p.m. at the American Legion site in the tent on Coleman Ave. in Waveland.

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Hancock DECA takes top honors at district's DECA conference

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Hancock County Vocational Lodging and Hospitality DECA attended the DECA District Career Development Conference January 14, 2005 at Harrison Central High School, in Gulfport. It was the first conference for the 2005-2006 competitive season.

The competitors in each event took a written test and participated in an oral role-play with a judge. The test and role-play scores are combined and the final score determines who will advance to the next level of competition. The top six winners in each event

qualify to advance to state. All of Hancock County's competitors finished in the top four!

Eleven members, including Lady Stone Bruce, DECA Advisor, represented the Hancock County School District at the district conference. Finalists included Brittany Griffin, 1st place Food Marketing Associate Level; Synthia Peck, 1st place Full Service Restaurant Management; Kristen Brewer and Brittney Bostick, 1st place Hospitality Services Team Decision Event; Allison Price, 2nd place Apparel and Accessories Associate Level; Brenee Ferrell,

2nd place Marketing Management Services; Jena Adams, 2nd place Retail Merchandising Management Level; Wil Velez, 2nd place Retail Merchandising Associate Level; Jennifer Hightower, 3rd place Business Services Management; and Kristen Peterson and Mia Kapidzic; 4th place

Travel and Tourism Team Decision Event.

These students will advance to the State Conference in Tupelo, February 11-14. Students who qualify at the state level will advance to the DECA International Career Development Conference in Dallas, Texas.

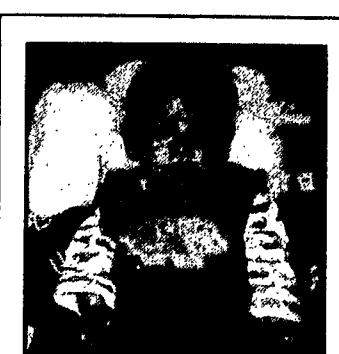
Nonpublic schools to receive federal aid for displaced kids

Nonpublic schools are eligible to receive funds to cover costs incurred in enrolling displaced students and to provide tuition reimbursement to parents, but must follow the guidelines of the federal Hurricane Katrina Education Recovery Act.

Administrators of nonpublic schools that have enrolled students displaced because of Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita should contact the local public school district in their area immediately. The local public school district will be responsible for forwarding information to the Mississippi Department of Education. MDE will forward that information to the United States Department of Education. All information must be submitted through this process.

Parents of students who were displaced because of Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita

should contact the nonpublic school their child is currently attending and/or has attended to obtain assistance information and forms to be completed. Completed forms should be returned to the nonpublic school where the student is enrolled.



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Diamondhead Church to host Super Bowl Party

Diamondhead Community Church invites your entire family to its 2nd annual Super Bowl Party on February 5, 2006 at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on a big screen TV. The event is an opportunity to help others through the Hancock County Food Pantry. The church will provide soft drinks.

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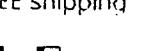
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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas

Publisher Emeritus

We need the publicity ...

It was a big treat and boost for students, parents and faculty at Hancock North Central Elementary by the visit of First Lady Laura Bush.

Those youngsters will remember a visit by Mrs. Bush the rest of their lives.

Also Mrs. Bush, with a surprise visit by Green Bay Packer Quarterback Brett Favre, dedicated a new playground.

In the early weeks following Katrina, Hancock County was seldom mentioned. The new publicity we receive by V.I.P. visitors is great. Our People have the positive attitude and we will rise again, better than ever.

We keep hearing about the possibility of a ferry across the Bay of St. Louis.

Talk is great, but action is much better. And if a ferry will be a reality, it needs to be put in service ASAP.

True, a new bridge across the bay has been approved and a construction contract signed. Even if work started today, it will be 18 months or so before construction will be

complete.

And just think, the majority of contracts are extended past the due dates. It all boils down to possibly over two years for a bay bridge to be constructed.

Private enterprise really has an advantage in construction projects. Take for example, the railroad bridge and highway bridge across the bay.

Both suffered heavy damage in Katrina and today CSX is scheduled to resume regular traffic. The bay bridge for vehicles is not yet started.

So many folks say the vehicular bridge across the bay will be the fastest thing to cause our recovery, to make leads in becoming a reality.

The Hancock County Farmers Market has really been missed by many of us. So, a new home and extended open air market came into being last Saturday.

The new market is to feature fresh produce, and homemade goodies for sale and is

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Don't hold gov. responsible

Eyes on Mississippi

by Bill Minor

Few in the news media paid any attention last week when Gov. Haley Barbour--using the same playbook as his top gun in the White House--tipped his hand that he doesn't want legislators holding him to account when he spends billions of Katrina recovery dollars Congress sends to the state.

The tip-off came when the House battled over a bill creating a legislative oversight committee made up of seven House members and seven senators to monitor vast streams of post-Katrina recovery money intended for housing grants, law enforcement, education and public works.

Reported from the House's select committee on Katrina recovery, the measure was handled on the floor by Rep. Jessica Upshaw, (R-

Diamondhead) a committee member. It was expected to encounter little if any opposition.

Backers said their immediate concern was to be informed on spending the biggest piece of Katrina aid money--the \$5.5 billion block grant to help flooded homeowners rebuild their coastal properties that were outside the federal flood zone. Under the Congressional act, the housing grant money was sent to the governor's office.

Suddenly Republican lawmakers closely allied to Barbour--amazingly

many of them from the Gulf Coast area--began hassling Upshaw, arguing that the bill's passage would create an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy.

What the House floor debate revealed (and was already known by some around the Capitol), the Mississippi Development Authority run by Barbour, has without any public comment already begun to contract with private groups to process homeowners' requests leading ultimately to deciding who will get grants and how much.

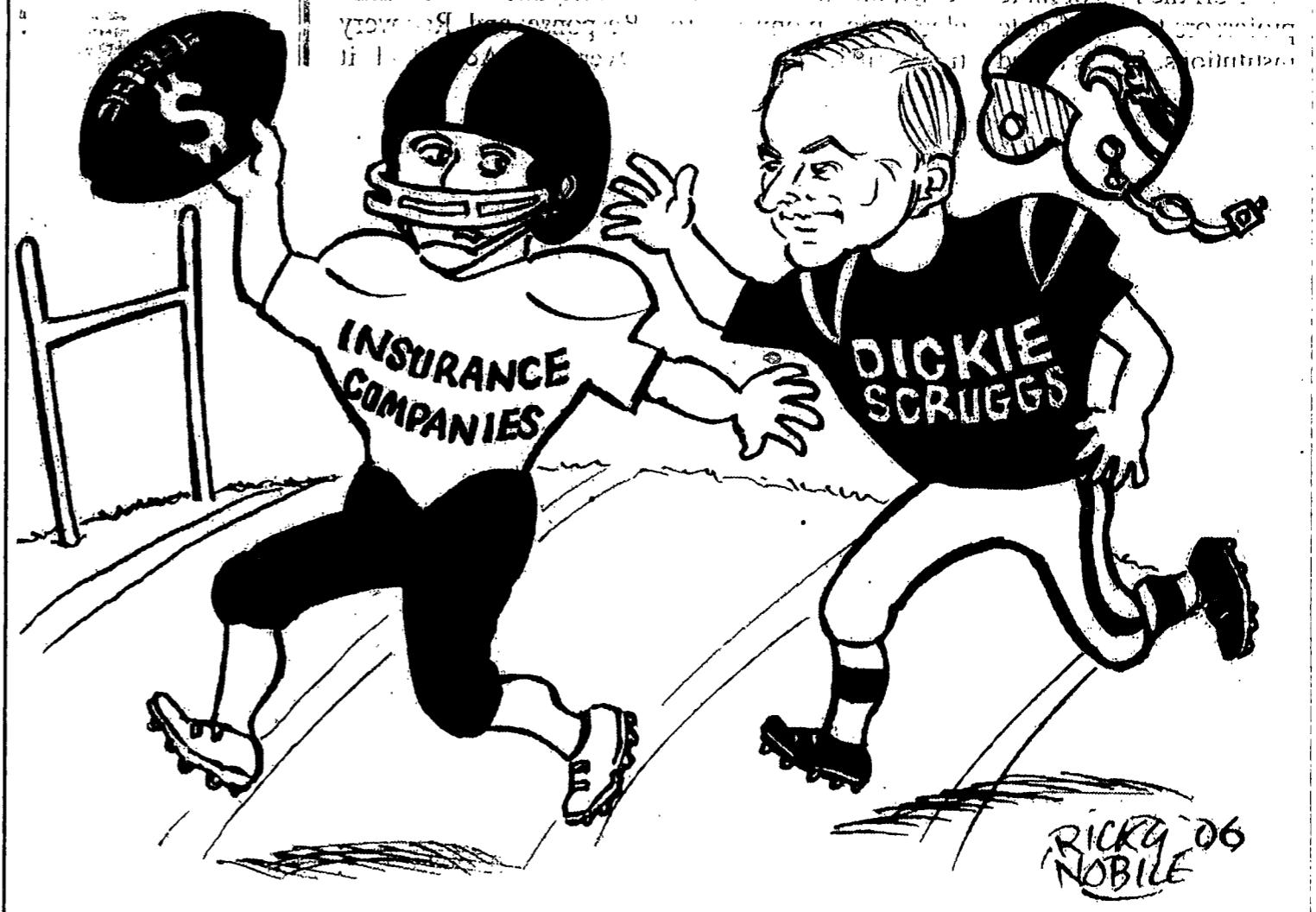
Barbour, under pres-

sure of some coast legislators, has at least backed down on his arbitrarily set requirement that grants would go only to homeowners whose home had 51 percent or more damage. For a time, Barbour incorrectly conveyed the idea the 51 percent damage requirement was set by law.

Some Capitol observers see that the inflow of billions of unspecified federal Hurricane relief dollars from Washington-Haley's former Republican lobbying playhouse--could become a huge spigot of political patronage. That's something Barbour learned about, especially from his cozy relations with the tobacco companies who Haley now is helping to shield from a higher Mississippi

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THE STALLERS AND THE SUE HAWKS

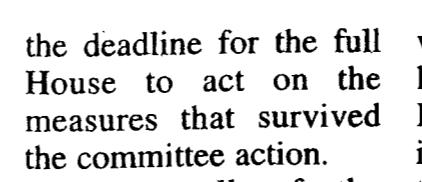


Mississippi House in session

BY REPS. SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE J.P. COMPRETTA and JESSICA UPSHAW

Committees of the House of Representatives this week studied hundreds of bills introduced by our members for consideration during the 2006 legislative session, soon to enter its second month.

Much of the session's fourth week was taken up in these committee meetings, where members' ideas for new laws or improvements to old ones either take on life or fail to advance. Tuesday, Jan. 31 was the deadline for committees to "report," or act, on these proposals. Feb. 9 will be



the deadline for the full House to act on the measures that survived committee action.

Almost all of the House's 36 standing committees met during the week -- many of them several times -- to discuss issues ranging from increasing unemployment compensation, requiring public insurance adjusters to register with the state, providing legislative oversight over Katrina-related aid coming to the state, extending the law allowing special permits for overweight trucking loads to help get rid of Katrina debris, giving motorcycle owners a property tax break and implementing a "money follows the person" process to use more Medicaid nursing-home

dollars for home and community-based programs.

IN THE WEEK AHEAD, these committees will complete their work and the full House will consider many of them. A special highlight of week five will be a ceremony on Thursday, Feb. 2 in the House chamber to honor the 155th Brigade Combat Team of the Mississippi National Guard that recently returned from deployment to Iraq. We passed HCR 56 this week honoring the more than 3,000 "citizen soldiers" from 49 Mississippi

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Minor -- Barbour

tax.

As 1993-1996 chairman of the Republican National Committee, Barbour is known to have played a key role in funneling \$8.5 million in soft money donations from big tobacco companies, to help Republican candidates in the GOP takeover of Congress in 1994 and 1996. Records show during his RNC chairmanship, he raised \$12.1 million from tobacco for the party.

Later as Big Tobacco's lobbyist, Barbour's firm was paid \$4.7 million by the industry between 1998 and 2000 according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Time Magazine in 1997 named Barbour as chiefly responsible for sticking a \$50 billion tax break for tobacco companies into the 1997 balanced budget amendment (later when several senators from both parties

exposed the tax break, it was yanked out of the bill.)

Minority staffers of a special Senate Investigating committee created to look into irregularities in the 1996 federal elections had attempted to probe Barbour's connection to the tobacco company tax break, but with the GOP majority's help, the probe of Barbour was blocked.

Mind you, the House oversight bill wouldn't give the Legislature power to spend the Katrina grant money--that is clearly left by the federal law in the governor's hands. But it would provide a check against possible corruption or political favoritism in how the funds are used.

The bill did pass, by a vote of 79-42, with practically all no votes cast by Republicans who represent Barbour's core

partisan troops in the House.

Republican Lt. Gov. Amy Tuck, who previously this session broke with Barbour by pushing passage of the momentous bill to raise the cigarette tax to \$1 per pack and phase out the sales tax on groceries, said later she would back the Katrina oversight bill.

A fight by lawmakers here to get oversight on how billions of federal dollars in post-Katrina recovery grants are spent could precipitate a tug-of-war with Barbour similar to the one in Washington between Congressional investigators and the Bush Administration over release of documents on how the White House handled its response to Katrina.

Several senators from both sides of the aisle have accused the Bush Administration with stonewalling release of

information on Katrina.

However, one document has surfaced revealing that the White House was informed by the Homeland Security Department hours before Katrina hit Aug. 29 that the hurricane would cause New Orleans to have severe flooding and a likely levee breach, contradicting Bush's assertion three days later that his administration had no warning of a levee breach.

Isn't Barbour's crowd that is now trying to block legislative oversight of billions in Katrina aid the same ones who demanded legislative oversight of a measly \$20 million in tobacco funds for the Partnership for a Healthy American that helps teenagers keep from adopting the smoking habit and oldies kick the habit?

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communities and several other states who participated in "Operation Iraqi Freedom" under the guidance of Brigadier General Leon Collins. Fourteen soldiers from the group died while fighting for their country.

The state's higher education leaders appealed to the House Appropriations Committee this week for increased funding to help stave off the loss of more professors to out-of-state institutions. It was stated that the eight universities have lost about 1,300 staffers in the past three years, mainly due to income issues. The IHL leaders strengthened their cause with statistics that show how college graduates generally earn about \$1 million more in their lifetime than high school grads, and also how much less it takes to educate a college student each year than to house a state prison inmate. It was also revealed that several colleges have outsourced bookstore and cafeteria operations to save money. Also, Katrina caused some \$185 million in estimated losses to the universities over the next four years.

On a related matter, House Speaker McCoy this week appointed a House Select Committee

on the University of Mississippi Medical Center to focus on the facility's future. UMC turned 50 years old this year and has itself struggled with financial resources in recent years.

SEVERAL ISSUES COMPLETED THE committee process and then passed the full House, including:

> HB 192 to tighten restrictions on sexual offenders by using electronic monitors to track their movement. Those adults convicted of an offense against children younger than 16 years old would have to wear the device for life, while others would use them while on probation or parole. Offenders would be required to pay \$75 monthly for the "GPS" device to help offset the state's cost for the program.

> HB 123 to ban smoking in government buildings, but counties, cities and other agencies may designate areas where workers and visitors would be allowed to smoke.

> HB 1479 to restore the old method of applying property taxes to motorcycles. The State Tax Commission had changed the taxing method without legislative approval, and this

bill would put the old method -- saving cyclists hundreds of dollars on their tags -- back into effect almost immediately.

> HB 1252 would limit the regulation of telecommunication utility companies, allowing them to better be able to compete in the marketplace.

BACKERS OF THE BILL known as the "Hurricane Katrina Response and Recovery Oversight Act" said it would allow the Legislature needed input into how state agencies deal with the recovery from Katrina. It would require agencies to submit copies of any plans to the Legislature. The 14-person panel appointed by the House speaker and the lieutenant governor would give the full Legislature an annual report on any findings or recommendations it may have on the recovery process. The panel would cease to exist on Jan. 1, 2009.

Backers of the act said the Legislature traditionally has oversight on such plans and that the state's citizens would look to its members to report on how the massive federal funds are spent.

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Waveland -- budget surplus

belts. The money from the reserves have plugged a lot of holes. This is exactly the reason why we fought so hard to get those reserves."

The city gets about one million dollars a year from property tax. Sales tax makes up a big portion of the city economy. While the city tax base took a big hit from Katrina, Longo said that it is not time to push the panic button.

"The city has maintained its full staffing of police, fire, public works, and other key city positions, and no layoffs are in sight for any

Waveland employees. We have made all of our payrolls, and we do not expect any layoffs at this time," Longo said.

Longo believes that Waveland will experience a huge surge in the building industry, and he points to the 2,200 housing starts issued in the past 45 days as an example of people's commitment to rebuilding the city.

Longo also said that there are several big businesses poised to come to Waveland.

"Everyone is starting from scratch," Longo said. "We have Lowe's

and K-Mart, who bought out Sears, ready to come in. We are coming back slowly but surely."

The CDBG grants which are scheduled to be given out soon will only help accelerate the rebuilding process, and Longo hopes that residents will reinvest in the community.

"Our stores should give people the ability to shop at home, and we can keep turning the money over," Longo said.

FEMA has already approved 30 million dollars to the rebuilding effort in Waveland, and Longo said that he has

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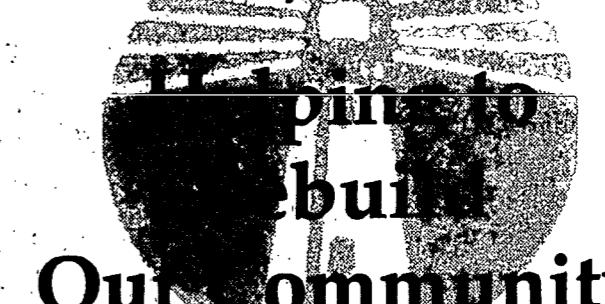


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Money -- CDBG grants

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the new Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). The grants are intended to provide assistance to homeowners who had flood damage and lived outside the flood zone. The grants had initially been tied to a person having 51 percent loss, but Chuck Benvenutti of Hancock County Citizens in Action said that the governor has changed that, and now the amount of grant will be tied to actual losses.

One lady questioned why there is a delay in information about the grants.

"These grants are a new baby," said Chuck Benvenutti. "This has

never been done before, and it is up the Mississippi Development Authority to set up the guidelines. We expect the applications to be here very soon. We hope that everyone will remain patient. In September we had no hope, and now there is some."

Other questions ranged from weather or not contents would be covered, how the appraisals would be done, and whether or not someone can build elsewhere in Mississippi with the funds.

Benvenutti explained that contents would not be covered, only actual damage to homes; that

The SBA announced

that they have given out over 256 million dollars in loans for Hancock County, and that more than 200 million of it has gone to people, and only 50 million to business. The most common concern of evening was if you have already gotten an SBA loan, would one still be eligible for the CDBG grants. Officials answered that yes one could still get the CDBG grant, and that in fact one could pay off the SBA loan with the grant money if they so choose.

The Corps of Engineers also announced that debris cleanup is in full swing, with 1300 of 7400 Right of Entry jobs completed.

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Crossing Over



The Tiger Cub den of Pack 381 visited the Kiln Library recently to learn about libraries. The scouts were treated to an Arthur movie about library books and a reading of the new book "Louie the Buoy". They also received a copy of "Sea Creatures" to take with them to read with their parents. Sandra Ladner, Branch Manager of the Kiln Public Library, is shown with the Tiger Cubs. Pack 381 is sponsored by Our Lady of the Gulf Parish in Bay St. Louis.

Hancock post-Katrina art exhibit and sale a first for Clinton Library

The ARTS, Hancock County, Mississippi received confirmation that the Clinton Library Great Hall will be the location for the premiere event of "Hearts for Art"...a night for Arkansans to support Mississippi's Katrina. Artists and to take part in the kickoff event to launch their national traveling art show. It will be the first art show and sale to be held at the Clinton Library.

The champagne "meet the artists" reception and art sale will be held Saturday, February 18, 2006, at 7:00 pm. A museum quality catalogue will accompany the shows. Tickets are \$75.00 each and will be limited to 400 attendees. All proceeds from this event and the following national tour will directly benefit the member

artists.

Tickets are now on sale at Hot Springs Documentary Film Institute 501-321-4747.

"We are thrilled to be the first art show presented in the Library," states ARTS President, Gwen Impson.

When Claire Haun, Vice President of The ARTS, and her family were evacuated to North Little Rock, Arkansas, she immediately began to promote her town and the

Artists she represents. Claire envisioned a national traveling art show to showcase Hancock County and its

Artists with the logical location for the inaugural event to take place in The William J. Clinton Presidential Library.

"We have received an overwhelming reception from The Arkansas Arts Council and communi-

ty," relates Claire, "and it is an exciting time to celebrate the "rebirth" of our artists and their art."

Bay St. Louis is listed as the "third top small-art town in the nation" by U.S.A. today and John Villani. Artists with working studios abound throughout the county. Rich in both quality and diversity of art, Katrina destroyed 95% of the town. The 200+ organization members lost everything including personal homes, cars, bodies of work, equipment, studios, and their income.

The ARTS focus is now on the support of these talented individuals assisting them to regain their livelihood and rebuild. Donations of supplies from the Santa Fe, New Mexico art community have been received, artists are working in make-shift

accommodations and now we need to "get the work out" to the public. This national interest event will be the first formal show post-Katrina. The fine art pieces that will be offered include such notable artists as Lori Gordon, who has work in the Smithsonian Institute, Liz Shafer, one of only a few "painters of music", and Elizabeth Veglia, nationally renowned mosaic artist that designed and created the memorial piece for Stennis Space Center representing the crews for Columbia, Apollo 1 and Challenger. For further details and sponsorship availability visit www.hancockart.com, www.hancockchamber.org, www.arkansasarts.org; or contact Claire Haun at (501) 812-4781 or (504) 957-9282

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Everybody needs a little bit of distraction and fun during these dreary post-Katrina days. The Gulf Coast Bridge Association has games as follows:

- Mondays, 6 p.m., and Fridays, 1 p.m., at Diamondhead Methodist Church, 5305 Noma Drive, Diamondhead. For details, call Don Hopes, 255-3434.

- Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, noon, at Coalville United Methodist Church, 12556 Lorraine Road, Biloxi. Details: Dick Weaver, 396-4034

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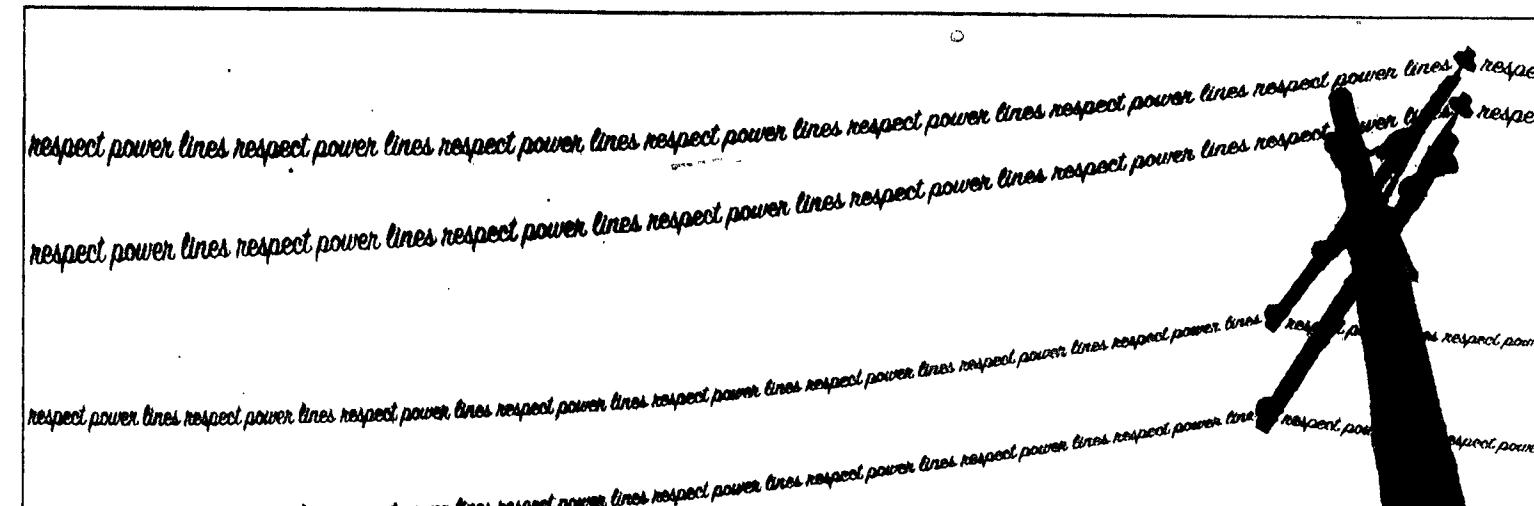
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Children preschool age are invited to attend the library's story times each week. The programs are designed for children 3 and 4 years of age. The

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Obituaries

ELOISE FAVRE
PEARL KNOBLOCK
LUCILLE McDONALD

ELOISE FAVRE

Eloise Frances Collier Favre of Bay St. Louis, MS died on Monday, January 30, 2006 in Pascagoula, MS. She was a lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis, MS and was of the Catholic Faith and a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, MS. She did volunteer work for many organizations, City of Bay St. Louis, Red Cross, St. Augustine Seminary, and RSVP.

She is preceded in death by her parents, John & Vivian Collier.

She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Leonard Favre of Bay St. Louis, MS; children, John Necaise & his wife Shirley of Bay St. Louis, MS, Elaine Givens & husband David of Bay St. Louis, MS, and Joan Rultedge and husband Howard of Gulfport, MS; and a sister Norma C. Stiglet of Bay St. Louis,

MS. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her graveside service was held on Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS was in charge of the arrangements.

PEARL KNOBLOCK

Pearl Victoria Knoblock, 46, of Gulfport, MS died on January 14, 2006 in Gulfport, MS. She was born in Talladega, AL on January 7, 1960 and was a graduate of Auburn University.

She has spent many years on the Gulf Coast. Victoria was very talented and music was one of her special qualities. She worked in Advertising and was top in sales for several years. She is preceded in death by her husband, Guy "Chip" Knoblock; father, Warren Holmes and her brother Tommy

Stiglet of Bay St. Louis, MS.

Holmes. She is survived by her mother, Stella H. Holmes, sister-in-law, Doris Holmes and nephew, Lee Holmes all of Talladega, AL; her friends, Gayle Fringo of Gulfport, MS, Jeanne Sampognaro of Waveland, MS, and her 2 dogs, Jazz and Nickie.

Funeral services were held at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Burial followed in Parkway Memorial Cemetery in Madison County, MS.

LUCILLE McDONALD
Luceil S. McDonald

Luceil S. McDonald died on Monday, Jan. 30, 2006.

Lucy was born in Wiggins on July 21, 1922, and lived most of her life in Bay St. Louis after marrying her husband of 62 years, David N. McDonald. She was a graduate of Mississippi State and was a loving wife and mother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward Randolph Smith and Sylvia Mason Smith;

two brothers, Carl Smith and Ralph Smith; and a sister, Eleanor Smith Davis.

She is survived by her husband, David N. McDonald Sr.; her son and his wife, David N. McDonald Jr. and Marion (Bobbie) McDonald; daughter Marilyn M. Ryan and her husband Patrick J. Ryan; five grandchildren, Christina M. Coffey and her husband Chris Coffey; Lisa M. Ryan-Fought and her husband Rich Fought; Jennifer McDonald, Katrina McDonald and Diane Ryan; and two great-grandchildren, Evan and Camille Coffey.

Additionally, she is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are being scheduled through Edmond Fahey Funeral Homes in Bay St. Louis. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Main St. United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 28, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

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Over \$33 million representing 450,000 individual assets has been sent to the Treasury's Unclaimed Property division," said State Treasurer Tate Reeves. "We want to return as much of it as possible. Not where it's that more important right now than on the Gulf Coast."

During Reeves' most recent trip to the coast to return unclaimed property, one individual located approximately \$49,000 in stocks and cash he didn't know he owned.

"This is the kind of government program I like – one where government actually gives money back instead of taking it away," said Reeves.

State Treasurer Tate Reeves and treasury

staffers will be at the Harrison County Courthouse in Biloxi on Tuesday January 31, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On Wednesday February 1, the office will be in Bay St. Louis from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the St. Stanislaus Campus in the fitness center.

The Unclaimed Property database can be searched at the treasury website www.treasurytatereeves.com. Inquiries can also be made by phone at (601) 359-3600 or can be

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Together We Heal

Sports

Tigers win first-ever soccer title; SSC out

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Bay High Tigers (8-4-2, 7-3) claimed their first ever division soccer title in school history when the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws (7-10, 7-3) fell in their final regular season game 2-0 against Long Beach on Saturday, January 28th.

The Tigers gained a 2-0 win over the Rocks early last week and defeated the Pass Christian Pirates on Friday night to force the three-way tie for first place between the Tigers, Picayune and St. Stanislaus.

The tie-breaker was settled by records and goals scored against the next best competition which is too lengthy to include.

Picayune placed second in the division by virtue of the same tie-breaker and traveled in the first round of the state soccer playoffs to Petal on Tuesday. The Tigers hosted Stone County in their first round game. Details of the Tigers' first round game will be available in Saturday's edition.

The Tigers celebrated their Senior Night on Friday evening prior to their game with Pass Christian which they won 3-2. The Tigers honored Bubba Dorn, Ricky Manieri, Kyle Moran, Josh Sick, Britt Ordes, Brennan Adam and Chris Billingsley who played their final regular season home game

against the Pirates.

The halftime score was knotted at 1-1 with Kyle Moran scoring on a penalty kick with 24 minutes remaining in the half. Pass Christian tied the score shortly before halftime.

The Tigers' Ricky Manieri scored on a header off an assist by Bubba Dorn. Dustin Slade scored the game winner later in the half which also happened to be the first score of his high school career.

Bay High head coach Chris Doxey commented on the game, "We were sluggish to start the second half but finally got into a groove. The Pirates played very hard throughout the whole game. As far as the division title goes, I am very happy for the players especially the seniors. These guys have been working toward this accomplishment for a long time. I am very proud of them."

For the first time in over a decade, the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws will not be playing post-season soccer. The school who has four state title game appearances in the last four years and four state soccer championships overall were put out of tie breaker with the Bay High Tigers and the Picayune Maroon Tide that was forced with their 2-0 loss against Long Beach on Saturday afternoon.

SSC head coach Stace McRaney stated, "We

played hard but not well at times which led to Long Beach's goals. We had a goal called back that would have tied the game at 1-1 early in the second half. We had lots of chances to score but just could not get the ball in the net."

The Rocks' Jimmy Headley split two Long Beach defenders and ripped the net with a one-on-one situation with the Bearcat goalie; however, the goal was inexplicably called back which kept Long Beach ahead 1-0.

The Rocks finish the season with a final record of 7-10 overall and 7-3 in Division 8-4A.

In the Rocks' final home game of the season, SSC paid tribute to Dylan Drake, Matthew Milner and Brennan Marlowe. The Rocks defeated Pearl River Central 4-0 on two goals by Cameron Bosley and one each by Brad Lingsch and Will Lowe.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws held on to defeat the Pass Christian Pirates in high school basketball action on Friday night, 45-41. SSC built a 31-18 lead at halftime only to see that lead swindle to 34-28 after SSC only scored three points in the third period.

Pass Christian head coach Buddy Kennedy commented, "I thought we played really well for three periods but we were just too far down in the first period."

Brandon Butler and

Mike Rice both scored 15 points to pace the Rocks while Armand Bailey and Willis Brownlee each scored 10 points to lead the Pirates.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "I am very proud of this team. They bounced back from a sickness that has seemed to affect every one of the players, coaches and managers at some point this week. We hardly had any practice time this week due to the amount of players that had been absent because of the sickness. We got into foul trouble late in the game with Mike Rice and few others. When Mike fouled out, it gave Pass Christian a little spark."

On Saturday evening, the Rocks (7-7, 3-4) traveled to Long Beach (15-8, 7-2) to tangle with the Bearcats in Division 8-4A action. The Rocks kept charging at the Bearcats but could not break a one-basket difference in the score as they lost 61-51 down the stretch.

The Bearcats hit 7-of-9 free throws in the final minute and a half to seal the win.

For the whole game, it was a basket-for-basket contest. The Bearcats held a slim 13-11 lead after the first period and 32-26 margin at halftime.

Brandon Butler pulled the Rocks to within one-point at 44-43 with his three-pointer with 6:26 remaining; however, the Bearcats went on an 8-2

run that kept the momentum with Long Beach.

Long Beach head coach Boo Hardy stated, "Greg Gardner really stepped up for us tonight. He comes to play each night for us and tonight wasn't any different. We had a little surge at the end of the third period that helped us get some momentum after SSC cut into our lead. My hat goes off to Jay Ladner."

SSC head coach Jay Ladner commented, "Long Beach is bigger than we are at just about every position but the real difference tonight was we did not hustle for loose balls and did not box them out, especially on the offensive end. These are all correctable situations for us so we will just get back to work and practice hard."

In other high school soccer action, OLA defeated Mercy Cross 1-0 on a goal by Mischa Tice off an assist by Megan Flynt.

The division champion Crescents hosted Greene County in the Class 1A-2A-3A playoffs on Tuesday evening. OLA, the first girls high school soccer team in Mississippi, will be playing for their sixth consecutive state championship in soccer.

The Hancock Hawks were swept in high school soccer action by the Harrison Central Red Rebels on Friday night. The Hawks fell 4-2 while the Lady Hawks were shutout 6-0.

Bay's Labat named Division 8-4A MVP

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

Robert Labat, a triple-threat athlete in football for the Bay High Tigers, shared overall Most Valuable Player honors with Long Beach's Ira Smith in Division 8-4A.

Labat was a threat for the Tigers at wide receiver, defensive back and on special teams. During the season, Labat was a threat anywhere on the field for Bay High as they advanced to the first round of the state 4A playoffs.

He had 43 carries for 67 yards and two scores while snagging 15 receptions for 247 yards and two scores. On defense, he led the team with 6 picks for 147 yards and returned one for a touchdown while adding 48 total tackles and 28 sacks.

On special teams, Labat had 8 kickoff returns for 224 yards and one score which was a 98-yard return. Labat also returned a punt for 65 yards which was included in his 10 returns for 114 yards.

Other Tigers joining

were quarterback Tyler Brush, running back Tony Connelly, OL Teddy Morris and PK Kyle Moran. Brush threw for 755 yards and seven TDs on 42-of-106 passing with four picks. Connelly rushed for 623 yards on 93 carries and four scores. Moran was 17-for-19 on PATs and 6-of-8 on field goals for the Tigers.

First-team selections on defense for Bay High were line backer Trevor Adam and defensive lineman Kyle Hughes. Adam led the team in tackles with 115 total tackles with 34 solo stops. He had 20 stops for loss for minus-73 yards and 2.5 sacks. Hughes added 44 total tackles with 9 solo stops. He had 10 stops for loss for minus-35 yards including two sacks.

Defensive MVP Cruz Johnson of Long Beach headlined the other defensive selections that included Picayune DL Derrick Bullock, Picayune DL Zach Robbins, Long Beach DL Adam Herring, Poplarville DL Darius

Hart, Long Beach LB Adrian Long, Picayune LB Levi Slayton, Picayune LB Brent Acker, Picayune DB Chase Griffith, Picayune DB Eric Bochman and Long Beach DB Tramaine Brock.

Pass Christian first team selections were RB Jaren Bowser and DB Chad Moore. Bowser was a workhorse for Pass Christian racking up over 800 yards rushing on the season while Moore recorded 4 picks in the defensive backfield.

Honorable mention selections for area players were Bay High's Cory Thornton, Buddy Schultz, Jason Sims, Chaquille Lewis and Grannison Sellier. Pass Christian added Jonathan Willis, Grey Provis and Shane Bowser.

Hancock had one first-team selection in Region 5A in OL Colin Miller. The second team selections were OL Donovan Saucier, RB Andrew Smith, LB Brantly Necaise and DB/QB Braxton Necaise. The honorable mention selections were DB Chris

Jochum, DL Kevin Lafontaine, WR Drew Malley and TE Chase McIver.



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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDI-
TORS
OF ESTATE OF ISABEL HILLARY
COBB
NO. C2301-05-751(3)**

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 13th of January, 2006, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned CATHERINE M. COBB AMBROGIO and MICHAEL PARKER COBB upon the estate of ISABEL HILLARY COBB, deceased; notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registered according to law within 90 days from date of first publication, or they will be forever barred. This 13th day of January, 2006. S/ CATHERINE M. COBB AMBROGIO and MICHAEL PARKER COBB Co-Executors 01/18; 01/25; 02/01/06

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDI-
TORS
OF ESTATE OF DIANE BAGUR
MCDONALD
NO. C2301-05-768(3)**

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 13th of January, 2006, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned MARY MCDONALD and WALTER J. MCDONALD, JR upon the estate of DIANE BAGUR MCDONALD, deceased; notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registered according to law within 90 days from date of first publication, or they will be forever barred. This 13th day of January, 2006. S/MARY MCDONALD and WALTER J. MCDONALD, JR Co-Executors 01/18; 01/25; 02/01/06

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDI-
TORS
OF ESTATE OF WILLIAM M.
LAGRANGE
NO. C2301-05-752(4)**

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 13th of January, 2006, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Paul Gagnet upon the estate of WILLIAM M. LAGRANGE, deceased; notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registered according to law within 90 days from date of first publication, or they will be forever barred. This 13th day of January, 2006. S/Paul Gagnet Executor 01/18; 01/25; 02/01/06

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSIS-
SIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF GERALD CHARLES VAZQUEZ,
DECEASED
EARLINE M. VAZQUEZ,
EXECUTRIX
CAUSE NO. C2301-06-20(3)
EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDI-
TORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK**

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 12 day January, 2006, by the Chancery Court, Hancock County, Mississippi to the undersigned upon the estate of GERALD CHARLES VAZQUEZ, Deceased; notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registered according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred. THIS the 12 day of January, A.D., 2006. EARLINE M. VAZQUEZ, Executrix ANN ARRAS WILLIAMSON Attorney for Executrix 305 Railroad Avenue Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 (228) 467-3244 MSB # 7273 01/18; 01/25; 02/01/06

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSIS-
SIPPI
BRIDGETT ODOM BASS PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
TONY BASS DEFENDANT
CAUSE NO: C2301-05-854(1)
SUMMONS
(Service by Publication: Residence Unknown)**

TO: TONY BASS whose last known place of residence was Unknown, you have been made a Defendant in a Complaint filed in the CHANCERY Court, HANCOCK County, Mississippi, by BRIDGETT ODOM BASS seeking DIVORCE. You are required to mail, or hand deliver, a copy of the written Answer, either additur or denying each allegation in the Complaint to CECIL G. WOODS, JR. PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY, WHOSE ADDRESS IS P.O. BOX 993, GULFPORT, MS 39502. Your response must be mailed, or delivered no later than thirty days after the 18th day of January, 2006, which is the first date of publication of this summons. If your answer is not so mailed, or delivered, a judgment by default may be entered against you for the money, or other relief, demanded in the complaint. You must also file the original of your answer with the Clerk of this court within a reasonable time afterward. (SEAL)

Tim Kellar, Chancery Clerk Date: 12-20-05
By: Larrell Scarborough D.C. 01/18; 01/25; 02/01/06

CASE NO. NDW-022-05

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7011 NIGHTINGALE LANE
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**GRACE SIMPSON
WEST HINDS
BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520**

**SEAN PENEGUY
ADDRESS UNKNOWN**

**TOMMY PENEGUY
6240 WEST JACKSON
BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO FOR-
FEIT SEIZED PROPERTY**

You are hereby notified that on December 12, 2005 in Hancock County, Mississippi, the property listed and described below was seized by the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Narcotics Division pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §41-29-153.

Miss. Code Ann. §41-29-176 provides for the administrative forfeiture of property other than a controlled substance or paraphernalia seized under the Uniform Controlled Substances Law, the value of which does not exceed \$10,000.00.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: United States currency APPROX. VALUE \$6,487.00

Said money being subject to forfeiture under the provisions of Sections 41-29-153(a)(5) and 41-29-153(a)(7) of the

Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, having been used, or intended for use, in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law, and having been found in close proximity to forfeited controlled substances, to wit:

TO CONTEST THE FORFEITURE: If you claim an interest in the above-described property which is subject to notice under Miss. Code Ann. §41-29-176, and

wish to contest the forfeiture you must within thirty (30) days after receipt of this Notice or of the date of the first publication of this Notice, file a petition signed by you contesting the forfeiture and requesting judicial review in the county court, if a

county court exists, or otherwise in the circuit court of the county in which the seizure is made or the county (and district) in which the criminal proceeding is brought. In order to claim an interest in the property, the filing of the Petition and the payment of the filing fees, services of the petition shall be made on the attorney for the seizing law enforcement agency, and

the proceeding shall thereafter be governed by the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

INSTRUCTION FOR FILING PETITION:

Pursuant to Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 10, the Petition requesting judicial review and contesting the forfeiture should contain a caption setting forth (1) the name of court; (2) the cause of action included in all the names of the parties; (3) the file number; and (4) a designation as in Rule 7(a) (i.e. Petition to Contest Forfeiture). Accordingly, the title should

designate all of the above-described property in which you have an interest as the plaintiff(s) of this action versus the Defendant which is the responding seizing agency. You are deemed the Claimant. PETITIONS MUST BE SIGNED BY

THE PARTIES MAKING THE CLAIMS. Your Petition should express what your interest is in the property and why you

if not why it should be forfeited. If you file such a Petition, a copy of the Petition must be served upon the attorney or representative providing this Notice

by service of process in the same manner as in other civil cases. Said agent for process for the seizing agency can be served at the following address:

Christopher L. Schmidt
Assistant District Attorney
306 Longfellow Drive, Bldg 22
P.O. Box 217
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

If you do not file such a Petition requesting judicial review and contesting the forfeiture within thirty (30) days of receiving the notice the above-described property will be forfeited to the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Narcotics Division to be

used, distributed, or disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. §41-29-181.

Dated this the 12 day of January, 2006.

NOTICE PROVIDED BY:

CONO CARANNA,
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BY: CHRISTOPHER L. SCHMIDT,
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

01/18; 02/01; 02/01/06

**SECTION 901 - ADVERTISEMENT
FOR BIDS**

**HANCOCK COUNTY PORT AND
HARBOR COMMISSION
PORT BIENVILLE, HANCOCK
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

**PORT ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS
INTERMODAL CONNECTOR
IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM PRO-
JECT NHS-0022-00-(023)**

Sealed bids will be received by the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission, located at 7250 Stennis Airport Drive, Kiln, Mississippi 39556 until 2:00 p.m., local time, on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, for the construction of Port Access Improvements.

The contract time is 75 consecutive calendar days.

Plans, contract documents and spe-

cial provision and proposal forms are

on file for public inspection in the

office of the Hancock County Port and

Harbor Commission located at 7250

Stennis Airport Drive, Kiln, Mississippi

39556 and in the office of Neel-

Schaffer, Inc., Post Office Box 1487,

Hattiesburg, MS 39403-1487 (704)

Hardy Street, Telephone No. 601-545-

1585. One copy of the contract doc-

uments and special provisions together

with the contract plans may be pro-

cured from Neel-Schaffer, Inc. upon

payment of \$100.00, none of which is

refundable.

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned

Trustee, pursuant to such authority

and at the request so made, does hereby give notice that he will sell dur-

ing the legal hours (between the

hours of 11:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00

o'clock P.M.) on the 16th day of

February, 2006, at the County

Courthouse for Hancock County,

Mississippi, City of Bay St. Louis,

Mississippi, to the highest and best

The attention of bidders is directed to the Special Provisions governing selection and employment of labor. Minimum wage rates for Federal-Aid projects have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are subject to Public Law 87-581 Work Hours Act of 1962, as set forth in the Special Provisions. Minimum wage rates for all other projects have been predetermined and set forth in advertised specifications.

The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The 2004 Edition of the Mississippi Standard Specification for Road and Bridge Construction, adopted by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, is referred to herein, which may be purchased from the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

Each bidder must deposit with his proposal a bid bond or certified check in amount equal to five percent of his bid, payable to the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission, Hancock County, Mississippi as bid security. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a contract bond in the amount of 100 percent of the contract amount. Both bonds shall be signed or countersigned by a Mississippi Resident Agent.

The bidder must agree to commence work on or before the date to be specified in a written "Notice to Proceed" of the Owner and to fully complete the project within 75 consecutive calendar days. The bidder must also agree to pay as liquidated damages the sum specified in the Standard Specifications per day for each calendar day after the Point of Beginning.

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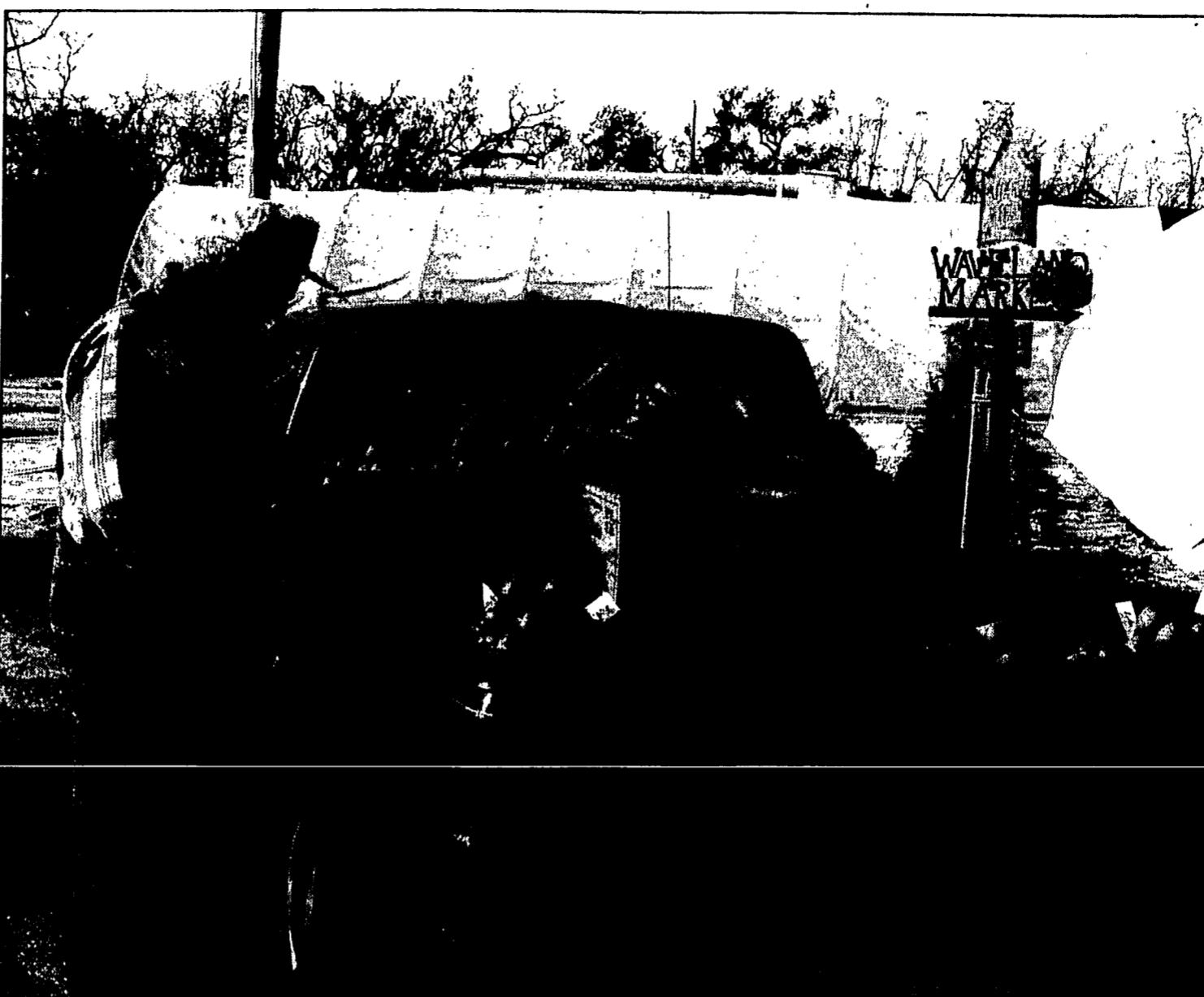
BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

Shoppers and visitors alike have found much delight in the new "Waveland Market." The Market is located in a hut at 301 Coleman Ave., at the site of the Waveland City Hall, and it is the first business on Coleman Ave. to be opened since Hurricane Katrina struck.

The Market has the same concept as the old Farmers Market which was located on Longfellow Drive prior to the storm. Many of the merchants that sell their items have been relocated from the Farmer's Market, and their loyal customers have followed them to Waveland.

"We are just so excited to get back to normal," said Phyllis Davenport. "It may not be normal, but the more we make it feel that way the better things will be."

Davenport sells a number of things including goat milk soap. She



Echo staff photos by Dwayne Bremer

There may not be any buildings standing on Coleman Ave. these days, but that didn't stop commerce on Saturday when the Waveland Market opened to a respectable crowd.



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